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Loose342.95
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Loose298.00
Maintenance10.00
Total:\$3,093.00

Cemetery\$125.00
Assumption\$714.45



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Adult\$3,528.00
Loose622.00
Maintenance10.00
Total:\$4,160.00

Cemetery\$138.00
Assumption\$808.00
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There will be a collection at all Masses
THIS weekend for Catholic University of
America and diocese Catholic schools.



Isaiah 66:18-21 INVITING ALL PEOPLE

The greatest music ever written appeals to people of every culture. People who do not speak a common language can all enjoy the same music. If the music is well written, it will touch the spirit of any human.

The same can be said of architecture, sculpture, and painting. People of all cultures connect with the same treasures. This is also true of many sports like soccer and athletic achievements like running a marathon.

It is also true of the gospel. The message of Jesus Christ appeals to believers all over the world because it proclaims the news that all can be saved.

In the prophecy of Isaiah, God promised to gather together people

of every language. Representatives from Israel would go to foreign nations and distant coastlands. Foreigners would hear about God and would come back to Jerusalem to make an offering there. New leaders would be raised up from these foreigners. It is a bold vision proclaiming the universality of God's intent.

In both the Old and the New Testament, it slowly became evident that God intended to invite all people of all nations into a holy relationship.

How do you help God's work? Do you know the names of people at church? Do you invite your neighbors and friends? Do you introduce yourself to newcomers? Anyone can understand the Christian message, but first it must be heard.

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FINANCIAL CORNER				
ORDINARY INCOME VS. ORDINARY EXPENSES FOR JULY 2019				
IC	St Rita	St John	St Aloysius	
\$30,464.75	\$24,172.00	\$14,942.00	\$16,443.25	
(35,782.95)	(33,299.08)	(17,297.19)	(21,542.58)	
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Please remember these new additions to our prayer list: TONY FAO, GRADY HUMBERT, JACKIE JOHNSON, TED KOVAL, and KARLA TRESSLER.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

MON: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

TUE: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

WED: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

THU: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29

FRI: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

SAT: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

SUN: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



Congratulations to ANNIE CECILIA, daughter of John & Molly Leonard, baptized AUG 18 at St. John.

What's Happening at home

IC's 150th Anniversary Committee will meet on TUE, AUG 27 at 6:30pm in Sciberras Hall to finalize details for their Anniversary Mass/Dinner which will be held SUN, SEP 8.

Anyone willing to donate cookies for IC's 150th Anniversary Dinner is asked to call Betsy at 603-3872. Please bring your cookie donations to IC on FRI, SEP 6 at 6pm.

St. Rita Christian Mothers will hold an Italian Day Sale on FRI, SEP 6 in Bucci Hall, from 11am-5:30pm. Featured will be 3 Italian dinners with all the trimmings (spaghetti, manicotti and eggplant parm), pizza, a bake sale and more. Take-outs will be available.

Volunteers are needed on MON, AUG 26 in Bucci Hall at 8:30 am to prepare the eggplant for the sale. Volunteers are also needed on TUE, AUG 27 at 8:30am to make meatballs.

Volunteers are needed on WED, SEP 4 at Bucci Hall at 8:30am to help set-up for the sale. If anyone can work on sale day itself, please call Rita Pratt at 628-2249. Workers should arrive by 9am on FRI.

If anyone can donate baked goods for the bake sale, please bring them to Bucci Hall on WED, SEP 4, 8:30-noon.

Vegetables for salad are also needed.

Bishop Malesic will celebrate IC's 5pm Anniversary Mass on SUN, SEP 8. Following Mass you are invited to a special Anniversary Dinner at the Fountain Mills Event Center (formerly the Scottsdale Fireman's Hall), in Scottsdale, beginning at 6:30pm with hors d'oeuvres. A free shuttle from the church to the dinner will be available after Mass.



Please reserve dinner tickets **BY THIS SUN**, by calling Christa @ 880-9666 or Becca @ 787-7875. Cost for adults is \$25, and \$10 for children under 10. A cash bar will also be available.

This is the last weekend to buy special 150th Anniversary items after Masses at IC.

Tom Severin's Bible study on the book of Job will resume on WED, SEP 11. It will be held WED's in IC's Sciberras Hall, 6:30-8pm.

It's time again for us to issue our annual invitation to "COME AND SEE" what our Catholic Faith is all about. RCIA Inquiry evenings begin on THU, SEP 12 from 6:30-8pm in IC's Sciberras Hall. We'll talk, enjoy some food and begin to share our stories and learn more about this person, Jesus, who bids us to "COME AND SEE" who he is and what he promises. If this sounds like something for you or for someone you know, just show up that evening, or, if you would like to speak with someone, call Mary Sampey at the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.

Training dates for new and current Altar Servers are:

THU, SEP 12	7pm	SA
MON, SEP 16	7pm	IC
TUE, SEP 17	7pm	SR
SAT, SEP 21	10am	SA
TUE, SEP 24	7pm	SJ
SAT, SEP 28	10am	IC

Servers should be 3rd grade or older.

New servers should attend 3 trainings; current servers are asked to attend 1.



While it may be better for a new server to attend a practice at the church where they will most likely serve, it is not necessary - they may attend any 3 of the practices.

Anyone interested in becoming a server is asked to please call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840.



Congratulations to
KRISTEN KOVACH & ETHAN SAYLOR,
married AUG 17 at St. Rita.



the repose of the souls of JONATHAN BIENIEK and CHARLES PORTER, who died recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

St. Al's annual Calendar Party will be held on SUN, OCT 13 at 1pm in their social hall. (Doors will open at 12:30pm.) Advance tickets are \$15.

The following hostesses and their special table themes will be:

KEIRSTEN ANDOLINO - UNDER THE SEA
REGINA HUGHES - SHIPS
PAM LOWE - BIRTHDAY

MARY MARR - PUMPKIN/FALL
TAMMY NEDROW - AFTERNOON TEA PARTY
JOY WALLACE - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

To reserve your seat, please see/contact one of these ladies, or call Kathy Andolino at 710-7540. Seats are already going fast!

If you wish to donate something for the Chinese Auction, please call Regina at 317-8740. Items should be brought in by SUN, SEP 29.

Auction chances (26 for \$10) and 50/50 chances (7 for \$5 and 20 for \$10) will be sold after Masses, the 2 weekends prior to the party - OCT 5/6 and OCT 12.



Congratulations to
MEGAN COLVIN & JAMES HUNTER III,
on the validation of their marriage
on AUG 17 at St. Rita.



The parishioners of St. John are participating in a 125th Anniversary Silent Festival to raise funds to help defray costs for activities in their upcoming year-long celebration. Letters have been sent explaining the details of this fundraiser. The closing date for payment of all gifts and pledges is SUN, OCT 23.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Annunciata #260, will meet on TUE, AUG 27 in St. Rita's Bucci Hall at 6pm. Open to Catholic women

from all parishes. For more info, please call 628-7553.

Nar-Anon will meet on WED, AUG 28 in St. John's Moravek Hall, 7-8pm.

St. George Maronite Church of U'town invites you to their Annual Rosary Walk on SUN, SEP 15, beginning at 2pm in their Garden of Prayer, with the 1st Decade of the Glorious Mysteries. The 2nd Decade will be recited at St. John Byzantine Church, and the 3rd will be at Lady of Lourdes Grotto at St. John the Evangelist. The 4th Decade will be recited at St. Therese, and the 5th will be at St. Mary. The day will conclude at St. Joseph, with a Litany to the Blessed Mother at their outdoor shrine. Participants driving from church to church are most welcome. Please call St. George Church at 437-5589 with any questions.

St. John the Baptist Preschool (Scottsdale) will be hosting a Rummage Sale on SAT, OCT 12 from 8am to 2pm. They are looking for gently used items to sell (please NO TV's, or electronics older than 2 years). Any donations can be brought to the Pastoral Center or St. John's school by THU, SEP 26. Proceeds support the Partner Parish Preschool. There will be donuts, coffee, hot dogs and refreshments for sale by the Partner Parish Youth Group at the sale. Any questions, please call 887-6321

Our deepest thanks to everyone who had portraits done for our upcoming Pictorial Directory. Nearly 375 families participated!

The next 4-6 weeks will be spent working on the "ministry and activity" pages of the directory.

If you're interested in helping with this phase of the book, or for more info please call Sr. Donna at 628-6840.

It's our hope that the finished directories will arrive before Christmas!



Congratulations to
Lennon Rose, daughter of
Christopher and Maria Manges,
baptized AUG 18 at IC.



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL: THIRSTING FOR TRUTH

Perhaps some of the greatest questions we can ask ourselves as believers are:

- ♦ IS MY FOLLOWING OF JESUS HALF-HEARTED, OR FULLY COMMITTED?
- ♦ AM I GUILTY OF PRESUMING GOD'S MERCY?
- ♦ DO I USE GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS AS AN EXCUSE FOR BAD BEHAVIORS, HABITS, AND EVEN SINFULNESS?
- ♦ DO I ASSUME THAT BECAUSE I FOLLOW JESUS, I SHOULD HAVE IT EASY?
- ♦ DO I GET ANGRY WITH GOD WHEN THINGS DO NOT GO MY WAY BECAUSE "I AM A GOOD PERSON?"
- ♦ AM I WILLING TO FOLLOW CHRIST EVEN THROUGH GREAT SUFFERINGS, TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS?

Undoubtedly, we live in a culture where many people believe that all roads lead to God. As long as you are "sincere" or a "good person," it doesn't matter what you believe. Our Gospel today teaches the exact opposite. Like it or not, Jesus claimed to be THE ONLY way to God.

Many in our world today view Jesus as a "come as you are" Savior. Perhaps people want to believe this

because of fear. Perhaps most people truly desire a life of comfort and simply don't want to change. But when you read the New Testament, true discipleship is definitely NOT merely a "casual" relationship with Jesus (or a selective acceptance of His teaching). Rather, the cost of discipleship involves a sacrificial kind of love which commits the believer to Christ and to ALL that He teaches, both by word and example.

Jesus is warning us off of any false sense of entitlement. Like the Jews, we too can feel too comfortable in the belief that God is somehow obliged to save us. What counts is not our past exploits or successes, but rather being with the Master at all times. Our eternity depends on the outcome of our encounter with Christ. HE is the means by which we are saved. Salvation depends on whether or not we truly "know" Jesus. A major evidence of such a relationship is that we are growing in holiness, not just outwardly, but in our hearts. Simply claiming to have spent time with Him doesn't count.



The concept of the "narrow door" can be absolutely terrifying. Jesus didn't say, "Stroll through the big door sometime when you're not doing anything else and check it out." He says, "Strive to enter by the narrow door." Although this passage has given way to all sorts of false spiritualities, Jesus is saying that we should take up our cross and strive to follow HIM every day. It is the cross that will bring us joy and everlasting life. Jesus isn't talking

about salvation by works or human effort, but He is talking about our attitude toward it. While salvation is a gift of God, it is clear that God expects us to cherish it as an athlete cherishes the victor's crown - suggesting that we need an athlete's discipline and determination in pursuing entrance through the narrow door.

Even though the door to God's kingdom may be narrow, (due to the degree of commitment required), it is open and available to everyone. People will come to it from east and west, from north and south - from everywhere, in short. Those who 'stand outside' are those who refuse to accept the reign of peace and justice, joy and love, which God so graciously and freely offers to everyone. Unlike Jesus, we seem very often too concerned about numbers as if that is the most important sign of the presence of the Kingdom and of its power to save the world. Rather than on numbers, Jesus asks us to concentrate on our own personal and authentic relationship with Christ in order to enter through the narrow door.

He also foretells that we will be surprised by those who enter and those who don't. However hard we try, we often find ourselves excluding persons or groups from salvation. Jesus invites us to be wary of judging others, and to believe that all CAN be open to God's loving offer of salvation.

The door is still open! Strive to enter it with only Christ as your guide.

Christ's peace
and our Mother Mary's love,
Mary Sampey

WELCOME THE STRANGER. We have become accustomed to hearing stories on the news about people fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of those who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome strangers, to welcome the Lord's discipline, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.



LABOR DAY

Since the Brady & DeVivo Centres will be closed on **MON, SEP 2** in recognition of Labor Day, please submit all info for the **SEP 7-8 bulletin** by **TUE, AUG 27**.

SEP ministry schedules are now online at www.youghcatholic.org

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON, AUG 26	WEEKDAY
8:00am St. Rita	Maria Conte (Granddaughters, Rita & Toni)
8:30am St. Al	Msgr. J. Edward McCullough (Pat & Ann Trimbath)
TUE, AUG 27	ST. MONICA
8:00am St. John	James Schiavoni (Wife, Toni Schiavoni)
8:30am St. Al	Adolph & Helen Piccioni (Niece, Sandra)
WED, AUG 28	ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
8:00am St. Rita	Bob McGuinness (Wife & Children)
8:30am St. Rita	Adoration until 4:30pm
THU, AUG 29	PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
8:00am IC	Eleanor Johnson (Dolores laquinta)
8:00am St. Al	Prayers for Priests & Padre Pio Devotions
8:30am St. Al	Bob Bybel (The Keith Hager Family)
FRI, AUG 30	WEEKDAY
8:00am St. Rita	Roberta Mongelluzzo (Santina Bufano)
8:15am St. Al	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:30am St. Al	Cecilia Neighbors (Pamela Sue Ferens)
9:30am IC	Rita Cole (Ladies of Charity)
	(Conn Area)
SAT, AUG 31	VIGIL
4:00pm St. Rita	Anna Palladino & Paul Palladino (Michael F. Palladino)
5:00pm St. Al	Florence Cope (Pat & Ann Trimbath)
6:00pm IC	Clara Severi (Husband John, Deborah, Jim & Eric McGinnis)
SUN, SEP 1	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am St. Rita	Margaret & Julius DiRisio (Marge & Larry Orlando & Family)
9:00am St. Al	Pro Populo
9:30am IC	Mary Bordas (Husband, George & Daughter, Tanya)
11:00am St. Rita	Madonna del Colle

If you wish to buy altar flowers to accompany your Mass intention or to honor other special occasions, call the DeVivo Centre at 628-6840. Cost is \$45 or \$60.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - AUG 31				MINISTRY SCHEDULE - SEP 1			
	SR-4PM	ST. AL-5PM	IC-6PM	ST. RITA-8AM	ST. AL-9AM	IC-9:30AM	ST. JOHN-11:30AM
ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	Z Zimmerman L Geary	C Baldwin C Baldwin	E Snyder A Lincoln	D Long J Long	C Tabaj O Tabaj	I House S House	I Zerecheck J Bielstein
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	M Pieczynski G Lembo J Lembo	P Herron A Trimbath S Smith	M Villa Neuva J Villa Neuva P Calinao	B Bielecki L Lauffer C Porter	T Dull K Martray T Nedrow	P Akers S Reagan M Lazor	E Smith A Shroyer J Kosinski
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LECTORS	G Panzella	S Lincoln	D Mulligan	E Long	G Heller	C Hartz	R Marciante
ROSARY		Volunteer			Volunteer		



RAMBLES & RAVES

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH'S PASTOR

SHOUTS THE

GOOD NEWS

OF THE SPIRIT'S STIRRINGS IN THE
CONNELLSVILLE- DUNBAR METROPLEX!

TAKING A STEP BACK ... Every now and then life affords one the opportunity to step back and look at things in a different light. This past Sunday was one such moment for me. I had 9am Mass in Dunbar after which I headed to Immaculate Conception to celebrate a baptism after the 9:30 Mass. From there I ran down the hill for the 11:30 Mass during which I was baptising another baby.

As I walked through Saint John's prior to Mass I noticed faces I was shocked to see **HERE**; it was a family I knew well from Saint Barbara in Harrison City. When I inquired as to what brought them to the Jewel of the Yough they informed me that they were on their way back from Deep Creek. Some minutes later, as I was standing in the narthex waiting to begin the procession, another family of "new faces" walked through the door. I likewise recognised as they had occasionally attended Mass at another one of my former parishes (although they weren't members there); they basically - in not so many words - admitted that they were "church shopping."

When I reached the Chair and looked out over the full church (the congregation swelled by even **MORE** visitors attending for the baptism) I suddenly felt the **VIBRANCY** of the Our Lady, Queen of the Yough Community. And I hope that all our visitors felt it too! As the Mass progressed there were even **MORE** signs of the amazing reality of our community.

The singing was led by one of our exceptional cantors, Bethany Coldren, who is still at university. One of the three Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion was also a young adult in her 20s, Julianne Speeney (the other two EMHCs were also relatively young (one in their 40s, one in their 50s). The Lector, Carolyn Petrasun, was but a year into her 50s (I thought she was 10 years younger). Then there was our **FABULOUS** Saint John sacristan, Erin Knizner, barely 40 - but looking much younger than that!

By the time Mass was ended the cockles of my heart were warmed **SO MUCH** that I was **BURNING** inside. (Jesus **DID** say in the Gospel that He came to set a fire!) I was overjoyed at the young and vibrant face our community presented to all who happened to be visiting that day. Let's face it - in the minds of **MANY** in today's world church is some sedate thing for "old people" and has **NOTHING** to do with the vibrancy of youth. Well, "world" here in the Connellsville-Dunbar metroplex nothing could be further from the truth! Reflecting on the full house at 9 in Dunbar that morning only added fuel to the fire **RAGING** within me! Truly I am **BLESSED** to be a part of such a **VIBRANT** community. And I am **ETERNALLY** thankful to all the people who bring **LIFE** to us.

Unpacking Sunday's experience took me back to one of the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation (PLF) sessions from a few years back. Lee Kricher, the pastor of Amplify Church in Pittsburgh's North Hills, shared how his church made a **CONSCIOUS CHOICE** to fill as many of the visible ministry roles at a service with people in their 20s. They deliberately wanted to present

a **YOUNG** face so as to attract younger "seekers" to worship. Older parishioners weren't sidelined; they willingly bought into the vision of the church leadership and assumed more behind-the-scenes roles. I don't necessarily think that we could transplant this model **COMPLETELY** into a Catholic setting (**PLEASE** do **NOT** think I am downplaying the ministry of our older parishioners!); however I **DO** believe that we **SHOULD** make every effort possible to involve younger parishioners in our ministries.

COVER PHOTO: My dear friend Arlene in State College is an avid gardener; she has particularly dedicated herself to planting a "pollinator garden" for the specific purpose of helping to rebuild the butterfly population, endangered as it is by the increasing destruction of its natural habitat by suburban sprawl. (The caterpillar pictured has a palate even more picky than **MINE**; it will **ONLY** feed on milkweed.) I am not **AT ALL** enamoured of bugs but knowing that this gross caterpillar will soon transform into a **BEAUTIFUL** Monarch Butterfly was enough incentive to capture its portrait.

For ages the butterfly has been used as an analogy of the Christian life. We spend this time "here below" as a caterpillar (gross and **YUCKY!**) awaiting the time when we are **TRANSFORMED** into a new creation, soaring to heights unimaginable **NOT** through our own efforts but by the free gift of a Saviour who has opened the way for us to a new - and **ETERNAL** - life.

